It was put to votes and carried.

Dr. A. R. Menon's Cochin Medical Relief Bill.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Medical Relief Bill, and as we have established a convention here that all such leave should be given, I request that the Hon'ble Members of this House may give their unanimous approval.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Sir, I second it.

The leave asked for was granted.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma's Usurious Loans Bill.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Usurious Loans Bill.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Sir, I second it.

Leave was given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew's Amendments to Standing Orders 5, 55 and 65.

President.—The next item of business is that. Mr. Mathew will move the amendments.

(1) To add the following as clause (3) to Standing Order No. 5. "The Secretary shall at every session of the Council lay on the Council table a statement showing what action, if any, has been taken by the Government in giving effect to the resolutions passed at the previous session of the Council".

(2) To add "nor the following day" to Standing Order 55.

(3) To omit the words "more than 20" and insert in their place "not less than 15" in Standing Order No. 65.

Standing Order 5.

The first amendment proposed is with regard to Standing Order No. 5. Standing Order No. 5 reads thus:—(1) "While in session, the Council shall, subject to the direction of the Diwan, ordinarily sit at 11-30 a. m.

(2) "After the President has taken the Chair, and after the questions have been answered, the Secretary shall report to the Council the Regulations which have received His Highness the Maharaja's assent under section 14 of the Regulation and the Bills which have been disallowed since the last meeting."

The amendment sought to be made is to add the following as clause (3). The Standing Order as amended reads thus:

(1) "While in session, the Council shall, subject to the direction of the Diwan, ordinarily sit at 11-30 a. m.

(2) "After the President has taken the Chair, and after the questions have been answered, the Secretary shall report to the Council the Regulations which have received His Highness the Maharaja's assent under section 14 of the Regulation and Bills which have been disallowed since the last meeting.

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(3) "The Secretary shall, at every session of the Council, lay on the Council table a statement showing what action, if any, has been taken by the Government in giving effect to the resolutions passed at the previous session of the Council."

I wish to know whether this amendment is opposed.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to oppose this motion.

President.—Since an objection has been taken to the amendment of this Standing Order, I request the Members who support the motion to rise in their places.

More than 20 Members supported the motion.

President.—The Member has the leave of the Council for making the motion.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Since it is better to have the Members from Ernakulam so that the T. A. could be saved, I propose that the amendment to Standing Order No. 5 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. A. B. Salem, A. Sankara Puduval, George Chakyamuri, O. R. Chummar, M. Krishna Menon and the mover.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is election and not nomination.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Election comes only after nomination.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Sir, I beg to second it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The mover is already included, since we have passed the amendment. Besides the mover, we must have six members according to rules.

President.—Even though it has been passed by the Council, the sanction of the Government is necessary to make it law. So let it be as it is. Mr. Mathew may be elected as one of the six members. Under the Rules, the Council Secretary, the Law Member and the Deputy President should be members of the Select Committee.

The motion was put to votes and carried.

President.—The Deputy President, by virtue of his office, becomes the Chairman. No appointment by the President is necessary as in other cases.

Standing Order 55.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I withdraw the amendment to Standing Order No. 55. Members have already brought it to the attention of the President. According to circumstances, the President can arrange the business.

President.—But the Members wanted a continuous sitting.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I. was so.

President.—For the present, you withdraw the motion. Leave is granted.

Standing Order 65.

President.—The next amendment to Standing Orders to be considered is an amendment to S. O. 65. The Standing Order as it now stands runs thus:—

"When the motion is reached, the President shall read the draft amendments, and ask whether the Member has the leave of the Council. If objection is taken, the President shall request those Members who support the motion to rise in their places, and if more than twenty Members rise accordingly, the President shall intimate that the Member has the leave of the Council."

The amendment sought to be made is to omit the words "more than twenty" and to insert in their place the words "not less than fifteen", and so amended, the Standing Order will run thus:

"When the motion is reached, the President shall read the draft amendments, and ask whether the Member has the leave of the Council. If objection is taken, the President shall request those Members who support the motion to rise in their places, and if *not less than fifteen Members* rise accordingly, the President shall intimate that the Member has the leave of the Council".

I wish to know whether there is any objection to this amendment.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I beg to oppose this amendment.

President.—Since objection is taken to the amendment, I request the Members who support this motion to rise in their places.

As more than twenty Members are for the amendment, the Member has the leave of the Council for moving the same.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I propose that the amendment to S. O. 65 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. M. K. Raman, A. R. Menon, A. B. Salem, C. A. Ouseph, I. E. Ambooken and the mover.

President.—According to the rules, the Council Secretary, the Law Member and the Deputy President shall also be Members of the Committee.

The motion was put to votes and carried.

As it was nearly 2 p. m., the House rose for lunch. It re-assembled after an hour.

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